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WEEKLY FISH MARKET.

While trade in all lines still continues dull, still it is about as good as the dealers and shippers look for at this season of the year. Stocks are light and the concerns are busily engaged in taking in fish to put in the butts. Some declination in prices of cured fish at first hands is noted, but the tone of the market at present is firm.

During the week four vessels have arrived from Bay of Islands, N. F., with fares of frozen herring, which have been put in the freezers at Rockport and Boston. These are the vessels which were frozen in there last winter and were unable to get out until the ice broke up about two weeks ago.

The first salt mackerel of the season, southern fish, have arrived, there being three small lots. The first lot sold at \$12 per barrel, but the last lot to arrive, 24 barrels, sold readily at \$15 per barrel. The southern mackerel fleet, returning to fit out for the Cape Shore, landed over 200 barrels of fresh mackerel here during the week.

Fish are in light receipt. The salt drifters found fish scarce on their first trips, but the fresh drifters of late have struck good fares. The shackers and salt bankers found no difficulty in securing bait around Canso and at the Magdalenes, but have been bothered about getting on the Cape North grounds to fish because of the ice, which, however, will probably move off in a few days.

The mackerel seining fleet now numbers 70 sail. Of these 60 will go or rather have gone to the Cape Shore, one of the largest fleets to go there for several years. The mackerel seining season out south was not a very successful one, the fleet landing 10,000 barrels against 18,000 barrels up to this time last year.

The receipts at this port for the week ending May 20 are
220,000 lbs. fresh cod.
59,000 lbs. hake.
151,000 lbs. haddock.
197,000 lbs. cusk.
25,000 lbs. salt cod.
11,000 lbs. pollock.
211 bbls. fresh mackerel.
28 bbls. salt mackerel.
3100 bbls. frozen herring.
145 bbls. salt herring.

Salt Fish from Vessel.

	Board of Trade Prices	Outside Sales
Large Georges cod (handline)	4.50	4.50
Medium Georges cod (handline)	3.75	3.75
Large Georges cod (trawl)	4.25	4.25
Medium Georges cod (trawl)	3.50	3.50
Large handline cod from deck caught east of Cape Sable		
Medium do.		
Large trawl bank cod	3.62 1-2	3.62 1-2
Medium trawl bank cod	3.37 1-2	3.37 1-2
Large dory handline cod		
Medium do.		

Fresh Fish from Vessel (To Split)

All large cod caught on La Have bank and to the westward	2.12 1-2	2.12 1-2
Medium do.	1.62 1-2	1.62 1-2
All large cod caught to the eastward of La Have Bank	1.87 1-2	1.87 1-2
Medium do.	1.50	1.50
Cusk	1.62 1-2	1.62 1-2
Eastern Haddock	1.00	1.00
Western Haddock	1.00	1.00
Eastern Hake	.85	.85
Western hake,	.85	.85
Pollock	.70	.70

Other Prices from Vessel.

Hake sounds, 5 cts. per lb.
Livers, soft 30 cts. per bucket; hard, 30 cts. per bucket.
Fresh Bank halibut (white) 7 cts. per lb.
Fresh Bank halibut (gray) 5 cts. per lb.
Georges halibut, 7 cts and 5 cts. per lb. for white and gray.

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Local Quotations of Cured Fish.

Cured Large Georges cod	\$6.75 per qtl.
Cured Medium Georges cod	5.75
Cured large Bank cod	5.75
Cured Medium Bank cod	4.75
Kench cured large Bank cod	7.50
Kench cured medium Bank cod	6.50
Cured large shore cod	6.50
Cured medium shore cod	5.25
Cured cusk	4.70 to 5.52
Cured hake	2.50
Cured haddock	3.75
Heavy salted pollock	2.50
English cured pollock	3.50

Mackerel.

Shore 1s	\$18	per bbl.
Shore extra 1s	20	per bbl.
Shore bloaters	30	per bbl.
Nova Scotias	13.50	per bbl.
Prince Edward Island	15	per bbl.
Norway bloaters	34	per bbl.
Norway 1s	30	per bbl.
Norway 2s	25	per bbl.
New Irish	14 to 15	per bbl.

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Rips cod, \$4.50 per cwt. for large, \$3.75 for mediums and \$2.25 for snappers.

Fresh halbut, 7 cts. per lb. for white and 5 cts. per lb. for gray.

Fresh mackerel, 15 1-2 cents each.

Salt southern caught mackerel, \$15 per bbl

Boston.

Sch. Carrie F. Roberts, 3000 haddock, 10 0 cod.

Sch. Distant Shore, 3000 haddock, 1000 c "

Haddock, \$3.50; large cod \$2.50; market cod, \$2.50.

Fishing Facts and Fancies.

Sch. Lelia E. Norwood baited at Edgartown Thursday and sailed. Sch. Masconomo also sailed the same day.

Sch. Mildred Robinson arrived at Canso, N. S., on Wednesday.

Schs. Mildred Robinson, Eanny Prescott and Theodore Roosevelt sailed from Canso on Wednesday.

Sch. Kernwood was at Liverpool, N. S., on Tuesday.

Sch. Mildred Robinson passed north by Port Mulgrave Tuesday and schs. Massachusetts and Richard Wainwright passed south.

Fish Must Be Scarce.

A week ago tonight sch. Mary E. Cooney arrived here from a near-by fishing spot with 50,000 pounds of fresh codfish, a fine trip and quickly caught. Capt. Cooney hustled his fare out, secured a baiting and sailed again. This noon the craft arrived home with but 1000 pounds of fresh fish.

When Capt. Frank Cooney, with 14 single dories and as smart a crew as there is going, cannot "grub up" but 1000 pounds of fish in that time, either the weather must have been awful bad or the fish must have been scarcer than hen's teeth.

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WHALER FOR CRUISER.

Newfoundland Thus Hopes To Catch American Vessels.

Craft Will Be Commissioned as Temporary Cruiser.

A St. John's, N. F., despatch says that the Colonial government has chartered the whaler Neptune and commissioned her as a temporary cruiser to enforce the provisions of the foreign fishing vessels act against American fishermen. There are now fifteen whalers cruising around the coast, and it is expected that the inability of the Americans to distinguish which is the Neptune will render them liable to be captured.

Bait at Edgartown.

Sch. Masconomo baited at Edgartown Wednesday and sailed. Alewives are very plenty there, selling at 40 cents per hundred count.

Herring Will Go in Freezer.

Sch. Hattie M. Graham will be towed to Rockport tonight and put her cargo of frozen herring in the freezer.

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Capt. Bonia Baited All Right.

Capt. Joseph Bonia was at Sandy Point on Saturday. He baited with herring at Robinson's Head, and has sailed for the Banks. Capt. Bonia secured a license early in the season before the bait act was enforced, and, therefore, has an advantage over the rest of the fleet—Bay of Islands, N. F., Western Star.

WITH SALT HERRING.

Sch. Robin Hood Bound Home From Magdalene Island

A despatch from Capt. Stillman Malone of the sch. Robin Hood of this port, to the owners, Gardner & Parsons, states that the vessel sailed from the Magdalene Islands today, with a full cargo of salt herring.

Bait at Chatham.

George W. Crowell telegraphs the TIMES that there are plenty of squid in the traps at the head of Chatham Bay and that vessels can be baited quickly.

Raised Price of Hake.

At a meeting of the fisheries committee of the Board of Trade this forenoon, the price of fresh hake was advanced to 90 cents per hundred weight.

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To-day's Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. Jubilee, Rips, 35,000 lbs. cod.
Sch. Norman Fisher, Rips, 35,000 lbs. cod.
Sch. Emerald, shore.

Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Ralph L. Hall, Cape Shore, seining.
Sch. Lottie G. Merchant, Cape Shore, seining.
Sch. Dauntless, Cape Shore, seining.
Sch. Veda M. McKown, Cape Shore, seining.
Sch. Emma W. Brown, Cape Shore, seining.
Sch. Mattakesett, Cape Shore, seining.
Sch. Ida M. Silva, shore.
Sch. W. H. Rider, Rips.
Sch. Quickstep, shacking.
Sch. Rose Standish, shore.

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Rips cod, \$4.50 per cwt. for large, \$3.75 for mediums and \$2.25 for snappers.

Fresh halibut, 7 cts. per lb. for white and 5 cts. per lb. for gray.

Fresh mackerel, 15 1-2 cents each.

Salt southern caught mackerel, \$15 per bbl

Boston.

Sch. Catherine D. Enos, 3000 haddock.
Sch. Rapidan, 2000 haddock, 300 cod, 1000 hake.
Sch. Flavilla, 6000 haddock, 600 cod.
Sch. Ida S. Brooks, 6000 haddock, 500 cod, 3000 hake.
Sch. Boyd and Leeds, 16,000 cod.
Sch. Gov. Russell, 9000 haddock, 6000 cod.
Sch. Mertis H. Perry, 8000 haddock, 1000 cod, 100 pollock.
Sch. Louisa R. Sylva, 8000 haddock, 11,000 cod, 7000 hake, 500 pollock.
Sch. Francis Silva, 15,000 haddock, 4500 1500 hake, 200 pollock.
Sch. Ida M. Silva, 15,000 haddock, 4500 cod, 1000 hake.
Sch. Fish Hawk, 5000 haddock, 2000 cod.
Haddock, \$3 to \$3.50; large cod, \$2.50 to \$3.50; market cod, \$2 to \$3; hake, \$1.50; pollock, \$1.50.

NETTERS DOING WELL.

Many of Them Are at Fulton Market Today.

Seiner Pinta Also Lands 200 Barrel Fare.

Quite a lot of netters are at Fulton market, New York, this morning and several of them have good fares. The crafts are as follows:

Sch. Laura Reed, 2300 fresh mackerel.
Sch. Vandalia, 1100 fresh mackerel.
Sch. Minnesota, 4000 fresh mackerel.
Sch. E. Smeed, 1600 fresh mackerel.
Sch. James Drinan, 1300 fresh mackerel.
Sch. Clara E., 2000 fresh mackerel.
Sch. Blanche F. Irving, 1400 fresh mackerel.

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Sch. Cecilian, 1500 fresh mackerel.
Sch. Elsie, 900 fresh mackerel.
Sch. Jack O' Lantern, 800 fresh mackerel.
Steamer Vigilant, 1700 fresh mackerel.
Sch. Active, 200 fresh mackerel.
Sch. Nellie Grant, 300 fresh mackerel.
Sloop Pearl, 1500 fresh mackerel.
Sch. Nokomis, 4000 fresh mackerel.
Sch. Priscilla, 6000 fresh mackerel.
Sloop Louise, 500 fresh mackerel.
Sch. Florida, 2000 fresh mackerel.
Sch. Emma B., 2300 fresh mackerel.
Sch. Widgeon, 900 fresh mackerel.
Sch. N. A. Rowe, 900 fresh mackerel.
Sch. Stephen Woolsey, 1000 fresh mackerel.
Sch. Lafayette, 2000 fresh mackerel.
Sloop Lear C., 1400 fresh mackerel.
Sch. Mattie and Lena, 1200 fresh mackerel.
Sloop Viola, 1000 fresh mackerel.
Sch. Mineola, 2000 fresh mackerel.
Sch. Elk, 250 fresh mackerel.
Sch. Livonia, 2100 fresh mackerel.
Sch. Ida L. Miller, 2500 fresh mackerel.
Sch. Venus, 1700 fresh mackerel.
The fish are selling at 20 cents each.

A special to the TIMES this forenoon states that "sch. Pinta, Capt. John F. Vautier, has arrived at that port with 200 barrels of fresh mackerel.

A special dispatch to the TIMES this morning from its Halifax, N. S., correspondent states that the first mackerel of the season taken on the Cape Shore were secured in a trap at Byrn's Head, off Yarmouth, on Friday. This is six days later than the first catch last season.

Capt. Charles Stewart will now fit sch. Hattie M. Graham for mackerel seining.

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SEINERS AT HALIFAX.

Small Hauls Made at Yarmouth and Liverpool Yesterday.

Fleet Watched Very Sharply by Canadian Cruisers.

A fleet of 15 American seiners arrived at Halifax yesterday, about half of them coming in the evening. The first mackerel were reported as having been caught off Yarmouth on Saturday.

The Yankee skippers feel confident that they are ahead of the schools and expect to make good hauls in a few days.

The Canadian cruisers Canada and Osprey are on the alert and intend to see that the American schooners do not infringe on the three-mile limit. They will follow the fleet when they depart from Halifax.

Small catches of mackerel were reported yesterday at Yarmouth and Liverpool.

THE FISH COMMISSION.

Transplanting Shad and Striped Bass.

The Fish Commission seems to be succeeding very well in filling the waste places of the waters with fish. The results of transplanting the shad and striped bass of the Atlantic coast have been especially remarkable. Years ago these fish were sent to the Pacific, where they were not indigenous. The experiment was on a small scale and cost only \$5000, but the shad and bass have so flourished and multiplied that they now rank among the leading food fish of the Pacific states, and in some places they are believed to be more numerous than at any point along the Atlantic coast.

This experiment, costing \$5000, resulted up to the end of 1902 in the catching of 18,900,000 pounds of fish, worth \$670,000. It is a blessing, as the world becomes more crowded, that the ingenuity of man finds new ways of augmenting the food supply.

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Sch. Volant, Cape Shore, 35,000 fresh fish 7000 lbs. salt fish.
Steamer Mystery (two trips), 34,000 lbs. pollock.
Steamer Herbert and Emma, 15,000 lbs. pollock.
Capt. Marchant's launch, 9000 lbs. pollock.
Sch. Flora J. Sears, via Boston.
Sen. Rapidan, via Boston.
Sch. Marshall L. Adams, via Boston.

Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Susan and Mary, (new), shacking.
Sch. Flora L. Nickerson, shore.
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Sch. Annie and Jennie, 3000 haddock, 11,000 cod.
Sch. Dorothy, 18,000 haddock.
Sch. Sylph, 26,000 cod.
Sch. William H. Cross, 6000 haddock, 6000 cod.
Sch. Grace Darling, 15,000 cod.
Sch. Glenelg, 10,000 haddock, 2000 cod, 500 pollock.
Sch. Water Witch, 10,000 pollock.
Sch. Mary Edith, 8000 haddock, 2300 cod, 3000 hake.
Sch. Julia Costa, 14,000 haddock, 12,000 cod, 1000 hake.
Sch. Louisa Cabral, 20,000 haddock, 5000 cod.
Sch. George E. Lane, Jr., 20,000 haddock.
Sch. John M. Keen, 20,000 cod.
Sch. Amelia Enos, 12,000 haddock.
Sch. Henrietta G. Martin, 4000 haddock, 500 cod.
Haddock, \$3.25; large cod, \$3; market cod, \$2 to \$2.50; pollock, \$2.

Mackerel Notes.

Late arrivals at New York yesterday afternoon were the steamer Pet with 300 fresh mackerel and the steamer Mascot with 1000 fresh mackerel.

The news of the arrival at New York yesterday forenoon of the sch. Pinta of this port with 10,000 fresh mackerel was quite a surprise, as most everybody supposed that Capt. Vautier must have seen pretty good signs of fish out there and stayed off New York, not even coming up off Newport. It also confirms the report recently published in the TIMES, and which came from the netters which were at New York Saturday, that mackerel were schooling off there and that they had seen lots of schools.

The sch. Jennie B. Hodgdon, the last of the Cape Shore seining fleet, sailed yesterday afternoon, and news from the big fleet now on the Nova Scotia coast is eagerly awaited.

The following netters are at New York this morning:

Sch. Hobo, 500 fresh mackerel.
Sch. W. T. Dodge, 1700 fresh mackerel.